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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT: Ruble and Dollar Prices of a List of Items Used
by the Atomic Energy Establishment

1. Enclosed are the ruble and dollar prices, to the extent presently available, which are specified in paragraph 1c of our agreement of 7 November.

2. It was not possible to obtain a ruble and dollar price for every item on the list. Some of them are items which are not priced and considerable research would be required in order to determine their value. We are continuing our price work, not only in determining specific prices, but also in interpreting prices. In still other instances, the price comparisons must be regarded as tentative, since research which is currently under way on this problem has not been completed. Furthermore, questions remain, which are currently under study and are not treated in this contribution, relative to the weighting of individual prices for the purpose of obtaining average price relationships for aggregative commodity groups. Finally, as you know, we are continuing work not only on the price comparison problem, but also on questions relating to the interpretation and meaning of prices. As soon as the results of this research are available you will be provided with a copy.

3. If this Office can assist further on the January 1956 estimate, please do not hesitate to call on us.

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